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A Brief Sketch of Hazen S. Pingree's Life.

HE IS A SELF-MADE MAN.

His Career, Financially and Politically a Prosperous One.

The story of the life of Hazen S. Pingree, the Republican nominee for governor, is that of one who has been successively a farmer boy, soldier, merchant and politician. Born in Maine he worked first on a farm and then in a factory, until the commencement of the war. One of the first men to enlist from his part of the country, he fought through the war, and then, at its close, came west, locating in Detroit, which he has made his home since. His career there has been as a workman and afterward as a merchant, finally merging through the favor and fortune, and, as some of his friends believe by manifest destiny, into the political field.

The farm upon which Mr. Pingree was born, was a patch of about 50 acres of stony ground at Denmark, Maine. He was the son of Jasper and Adaline Pingree, and was born Aug. 30, 1842. His early boyhood was spent much as the life of any farmer's boy is spent, in doing chores about the farm and attending district school in his township during the winter seasons. This continued until the future mayor and politician was 14 years of age, and then his inborn spirit of independence cropped out and he decided for himself that he could make more money working in the cotton mills than he could by staying on the farm. Accordingly, he left his home, having obtained consent of his parents to try his fortune elsewhere and went to Saco, where he obtained work in one of the cotton mills. He received \$9 a month in his first situation, and worked long days, with no liberty for himself in the evenings, living in a boarding house run by the mill owners, where lights were out and everybody in bed at 9 o'clock.

GET A BITTER JOB.

This sort of life soon lost its charm for the young man, and he quit his job after having held it down for a short time, and went to Hopkinton, Mass., where he got employment in a shoe factory, cutting out heels for shoes for \$1.25 for a day of 14 hours.

When the war sounded and the call for volunteers came, young Pingree was the first man in his town to put his name on the roll of the First Massachusetts heavy artillery. Since his babyhood he had been an abolitionist, having had the doctrine taught him by his pious parents as soon as he was able to walk, and the defense of the principle was welcome to him. He was assigned to Co. G in his regiment, and the first order of duty which came was to the defense of the capitol. That service and Bull Run on August 30, 1862, was the extent of army life which Mr. Pingree saw in the First Massachusetts. He re-enlisted at the expiration of his first term of two years and was assigned this time to the second brigade, third division, second corps army of the Potomac. With this brigade he passed through the battles of Fredricksburg Road, Harris Farm, Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, North and South Anna. In May 1864, the young private Pingree was captured by Mosby's men and sent to the military prisons of the south, being confined for a short time at Gordonsville, Va., Salisbury, N. C., Miller, Ga., and for about five months at Andersonville. From the latter place he escaped by answering to the name of a soldier for whom exchange had been granted, but who had died before the exchange came.

CAME TO DETROIT.

Finishing up the war with his regiment, Mr. Pingree saw service at the battles of Fort Fisher, Boyden, Sailors' Creek, Franksville and Appomattox Court House, and on Aug. 1, 1866, was mustered honorably out of the service. It was but a short time after this that he came to Detroit to get a start in life, and he has been busy getting a real good start ever since.

When Hazen S. Pingree arrived in Detroit, he had no idea of what he should do, but was looking for employment of any kind. His former experience in a shoe factory suggested again looking for that kind of employment, and he finally secured a job in the Baldwin shoe factory, chopping out shoe soles. Shortly after that he formed partnership with C. H. Smith, and putting their slender savings together, the two young men purchased a small shoe factory then running on the corner of Champlain and Randolph streets. Pingree took the practical end of the work and Smith the business affairs.

In time Pingree went on the road as salesman for the factory and proved so capable in that direction that the business began to grow. It kept on prospering, and the necessity of obtaining larger quarters compelled

several removals, resulting finally in the building of a magnificent factory building on Jefferson avenue, on the site of the old Merchants' Exchange hotel. The increase of business naturally made Mr. Pingree independent financially, until at the time of his entry into politics, seven years ago he was regarded as one of the small number of men of the town who were comfortably wealthy.

GET INTO POLITICS. After the establishment of his business on a firm and paying basis, Mr. Pingree left the road and came to take charge of the business in Detroit. He naturally formed the acquaintance of men of importance in the affairs of the republican party, and became known as an earnest supporter of the party and one willing to back the efforts of the workers with his money. The entry of Mr. Pingree into politics was made in 1889, and forms rather an interesting event in record of Hazen S. Pingree's life.

Detroit in that year was democratic, hopelessly so, and the task of making a run for the mayoralty on the republican ticket seemed like a forlorn hope. A meeting of prominent republicans was arranged before the campaign to talk the situation over, and at that conference an effort was made to get some of those present to attempt to run. None of them would have it, and finally some person suggested the name of Mr. Pingree. He was greatly surprised, and at first refused, but later promised to make the run if his partners would consent, and they did on the solicitation of many of the prominent business men and politicians of the city. The original call to Mr. Pingree was signed by 95 of the wealthiest and most influential men in Detroit.

The campaign was hard fought and by a great deal of personal effort on the part of the republicans of the city, it was won. The platform upon which Mr. Pingree stood during that first campaign embodied many of the things in his battles for which afterward attracted widespread attention. Among them were low street car fare, street railway franchise to the highest bidder and the taxation of railroads. The result of the campaign was a victory for the republican party and the inauguration of Mr. Pingree as mayor of the city, in which position he is now serving his fourth term.

Cycling Notes.

Tom, Tom, the piper's son,
He stole a wheel and away he run,
But a copper fast,
Young Tom could beat,
And they locked him up on Kennebec street.

Dora Bonnard now rides a new bicycle.

It is said that double steering tandems for man and wife eventually result in divorce.

Archie Ludington, Hod Latrop and Pearl Grinnell were at Brown City Saturday attending the bicycle races. Pearl won first prize of \$200, in one race.

We received a card from London, Ont., dated August 12, which reads as follows: "Mr. Fead and Mr. Harris reached London, Canada, on their bicycles, and are the guests of J. P. Armstrong on Queen's avenue, parents of Dr. Armstrong, of your town. They leave London tomorrow for Niagara Falls."

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